not been closed. As such, the issue of this department being re-opened does not arise.

Diversion of East Flowing Rivers

2487. SHRI C.K. KUPPUSWAMY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to divert the waters of east flowing rivers to the western side in order to provide water for cultivation to the farmers of Tamil Nadu; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) Under the Peninsular River Component of National Perspectives waters of east flowing Mahanadi and Godavari rivers are propose to be diverted for providing water for the drought prone areas to Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh.

(b) The National Water Development Agency has prepared the pre-feasibility report in respect of Mahanadi-Godavari and Godavari-Krishna Water transfer links. These have been sent to the concerned State Government for comments.

Arrangement of Fake Documents by Travel Agents

2488. SHRI GURUDAS KAMATH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the misguided youth of Punjab are seeking political Sasylum abroad;

(b) if so, the details of thereof the reasons therefor:

(c) whether certain travel agencies in Delhi and Punjab are engaged in arranging fake documents and other facilities for them; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) and (b). Some Indian nationals are reported to have sought political asylum abroad on pretext of disturbed conditions prevailing in certain parts of India. However the real reasons are related to their own economic betterment.

(c) and (d). Some cases where passports are suspected to have been issued on strength of dubious documents are under investigation by police. Full details are being collected.

Dams in Kerala

2489. SHRI P.C. THOMAS: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the on-going dams being constructed for irrigation in Kerala; and

(b) the present stage of construction and the irrigation potential thereof, dam-wise?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) and (b). A statement giving the details of the ongoing Major and Medium irrigation projects in Kerala and financial and physical status thereof, if enclosed.